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Commissioner for Patents  
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Re: U.S. Application No. 09/523,102  
Filed: March 10, 2000  
Title: Methods and Compositions for Treating and  
Preventing Retinal Neovascularization  
Applicants: Si *et al.*  
Atty. Docket: 13587.286

Sir:

The following documents are forwarded herewith for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (PTO):

1. an Amendment and Response to the Office Action mailed December 21, 2006;
2. a courtesy copy of *Jansen v. Rexall Sundown, Inc.*, 342 F.3d 1329 (Fed. Cir. 2003) and *Rapoport v. Dement*, 254 F.3d 1053 (Fed.Cir.2001); and
3. a return postcard.

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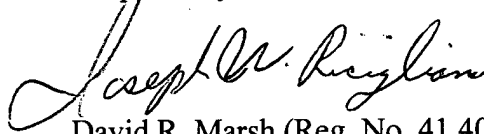
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In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned. Applicants do not believe any fees are due in conjunction with this filing. However, if any additional fees are required in the present application, including any fees for extensions of time, then the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fees to Arnold & Porter LLP Deposit Account No. 50-2387 referencing matter number 13587.286. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Joseph W. Ricigliano".

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